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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: Conversation with Bill Woodruff, Counsel,
Senate Appropriations Committee**

1. Mr. Maury and I talked with Bill Woodruff over coffee following his brief meeting with the Director this morning. Woodruff mentioned that:

a. He and other members of the Appropriations Committee staff are uncertain as to just what changes Senator Ellender will make as the new Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, but it is fairly certain that Ellender will be interested in cutting the number of personnel on the Committee staff. (The Congressional Staff Directory lists 38 professional and clerical staff members. Woodruff says there are about 20 professionals on the staff working on legislation. About five of these are eligible for retirement and he expects Senator Ellender to force at least some of these people to leave.)

b. It is almost a certainty that Senator Ellender will chair the CIA Subcommittee. Woodruff expects the Appropriations Subcommittee to operate independently of the Armed Services Subcommittee in all matters pertaining to budget, but believes Senator Ellender will be amenable to joint meetings of the two Subcommittees for intelligence briefings. Senator Stennis will move up on the Subcommittee to fill the vacancy created by Senator Russell's death and it is expected that Senator Young will drop Senator Mundt from the Subcommittee and appoint Senator Margaret Chase Smith in his place. Therefore, we will continue to have ten positions on our combined Senate Subcommittees, but they will be filled by eight Members.

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(This is on the assumption that Senator Smith will fill the vacancy on the Armed Services Subcommittee created by Senator Murphy's defeat.) In an interesting aside Woodruff said he thought Senators Pastore and Allott would be good candidates for our Subcommittee. Both are next in line.

c. Senators Hollings and Inouye will be appointed to the Appropriations Committee and it is quite likely that Hollings will chair the Subcommittee on Foreign Operations.

d. If we really want a basis for a get-together with Senator Ellender, we should invite him to the Agency for dinner and ask him to show his movies on Russia to some of our Soviet experts recognizing him as an extremely knowledgeable individual on matters in the Soviet Union.

e. The Agency should seriously consider transferring responsibility for Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty elsewhere, perhaps to the State Department. Woodruff fears that, particularly in view of Senator Case's recent public statements, Agency sponsorship of the Radios will be uppermost in the minds of many senators when the next Defense appropriation bill comes up for Senate debate. Unless this matter is disposed of it will provide a fertile ground for senators to pry into the over-all CIA budget.

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